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Electric Mail Car.
How the street railway postal service
inaugurated in St. Louis is carried on.
Illustrated.

In To-Morrow's Sunday P.-D.

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SATURDAY EVENING-ST. LOUIS-DECEMBER 5, 1896.

Santa Claus Will Revel in To-Morrow's Sunday Post-Dispatch Advertisements.

MAY ABANDON THE BARRACKS.

ST. LOUIS' MILITARY POST MAY
BE ABOLISHED.

SANITATION IS VERY BAD.

'In Order Has Been Issued for an Examina-tion Of and Report On the Suspected Reservation.

The probability that Jefferson Barracks will be abandoned by the Government as a military post is not remote.

In fact, as nearly as the decision of a body of men can be forecasted through the medium of prevailing sentiment, it is not only a prediction, but a certainty.

This conclusion is based on known facts, supplemented by the official complaints registered during years past by the various commanding officers in charge of the post.

Ever since Jefferson Barracks were established in 1834, their sanitary condition has been a subject of criticism.

For many years the authorities in charge have filed complaints with the War Department of this score, but for some unknown reason they have gone unheeded.

It is known that Lieut.-Col. Guy V. Henry, who assumed command of the post two years ago, complained formally of the unhealthy conditions that prevail, but he will say nothing for publication.

It has even been said that Col. Henry objected to being transferred to Jefferson Barracks from the West, because he had heard of the great mortality among the soldiers of that command.

However, that may be, it is certain that at last the War Department has taken cognizance of the prevailing conditions, for so many are a subject of comment among army officers, and quick and decisive action is expected.

When Gen. Miles was here in October he made a thorough examination of the Government reservation on which Jefferson Barracks is located, keeping in mind the many complaints that had been registered, and it seems not to have taken him a great while to decide something ought to be done.

What passed between Gen. Miles and Col. Henry is unknown, but it is not to be supposed that the former's comments concerning a spot to which he would have an aptitude were very flattering.

But Gen. Miles would feel the need of advertising his opinion on the many glaring faults topographically of the Government reservation. The only wonder seems that it was ever reserved at all.

It is evident that after Gen. Miles returned to Washington he pointed out the question to the War Department, and subsequently recommended to his superior, the following order was issued by the War Department through the Department of the Missouri, and was received at Jefferson Barracks:

"Headquarters, Dept. of Missouri,
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 2, 1896.

"No. 207. (Extract.)

"By order of the Major-General commanding the Army, to board to consist of Lieut.-Col. Guy V. Henry, the pals of Morris are to be taken up and held guilty to the charge. Judge Stratton sentenced each of them to a term of ten years.

In the event of their acquittal requisition papers were here for the men from the Governors of Kansas and Tennessee. They are to meet at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1896, or as soon thereafter as possible for the purpose of making a thorough and rigid examination and full report of the reservation as to its availability for a permanent military station.

Gen. Miles will also consider from the papers referred to it the sanitary condition of the contemplated rifle range for the proposed fort. No report upon its desirability or otherwise, for the present, will be given.

"By command of Maj.-Gen. Wesley Merritt,
M. BARBER,
Assistant Adj'tant General.
T. RENTLEY MOTT,
First Lieutenant First Artillery, Aide-de-Camp."

This order, it would appear, is doubly significant.

About a year ago the Government appropriated \$10,000 for the purchase of ground and the establishment of a rifle range at Arcadia, Mo., eighty miles south of St. Louis.

The deal was not consummated, although the contracts were laid off and the targets arranged.

Last summer a detachment of the garrison went to Arcadia for practice, and shortly after their return the range was never used again. The hospital accommodations were inadequate and many of them were quite bad on the outside.

Gen. Girard, the Post Surgeon, claimed that the illness of the men was caused by the heat of the sun. Those who remained at the barracks were in their usual state of health.

The fever was contracted at Arcadia or en route, it is questionable, but occasioned so much talk and so much speculation that the idea for the purchase of the fort for a rifle range was given up.

The citizens of Arcadia, as a matter of course, are very eager to have the range established, and to that end, it is said, they have turned to the War Department numerous affidavits from prominent citizens concerning the healthfulness of that town and vicinity.

These, it is thought, are the papers that will be presented to the board appointed, and which are mentioned in the extract quoted, touching the rifle range at Arcadia.

That when and under what conditions the fort was built is the secret of the Garrison returned from a march to Springfield in October, shortly before the visit of Gen. Miles, is not known. It is in good health and has remained, except for the ordinary run of ailments.

A few days ago about eighteen men are in the hospital, but this is not a very large percentage, considering the number of men in the fort.

On the other hand, last summer 21.2 percent of the enlisted men at the barracks were in the hospital.

There were 1,157 there were thirty-two deaths among the soldiers from malaria fever.

An old hospital now in use, overlooking the river, was erected in 1854, and is still in use.

Physicians claim that a hospital that has been in constant use for ten years has outlived its usefulness.

As far as the sanitary conditions that prevail on the reservation would seem to justify any claims, however, severe, that could be made.

For example, take the old building near the west end of the reservation, erected before the war and used at present as a school of respect from the absent.

for officers of the lower grade and their families.

The house is built on a slope so that from

"Skipping down the hill" would be

and as a three-story structure.

The building is divided into kitchens,

the building is about eighty feet long—and

there is no ventilation whatever from the exterior.

In the rear the land slopes so that every

drop of water rushes down into the yards,

and a regular stream is formed.

Every time there is a heavy rain,

every time there is

INSURGENTS ARE GROWING BOLDER.

RUMOR THAT THEY HAVE TAKEN GUANABACOA.

A SHORT WAY FROM HAVANA.

Reports Are Conflicting and the Whereabouts of Weyler Remains a Mystery.

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 5.—Passengers by steamer from Havana say that late Friday afternoon guerrilla fighting was reported across the bay from Havana. Just beyond the line of forts a small party of insurgents made a dash into the suburbs. They succeeded in killing three Spanish soldiers, capturing one, and killing several others. They lost five men killed.

From another source comes word that a force of insurgents made a bold dash and entered the town of Guanabacoa, which is directly under the guns of Moro Castle.

The resistance of the garrison was over come, and Spanish troops were scattered and compelled to flee. The insurgents then piled the torch, burning a large part of the town.

The strength of the column that entered the town is unknown, and the government authorities are aware of the name of the leader they have not disclosed it.

WEYLER'S WHEREABOUTS.

The People of Havana Are Still in the Dark About It.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The Journal has the following to add from Havana:

The people of Havana are still in the dark so far as the movements of Gen. Weyler are concerned. If the authorities have heard anything definite from him since he went into camp near Los Minares, they are keeping their information to themselves. They state that they are ignorant of his present position, but that they know he is camped near the fort of Moro Castle, which is prepared before he left Havana.

The only definite news received from the press here is that Gen. Weyler has assumed command of Gen. Melguezos and Icianas have been encoutered by the Government, who are between Gen. Melguezos and Icianas have been engaged in a battle. No details of the engagement have been made public, and it is not yet known which side was victorious.

MONITORS READY.

And the Dynamite Cruiser Vesuvius May Do Something Surprising.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—A special to the Inter Ocean from Philadelphia says:

League Island Navy Yard is a scene of unusual bustle and activity. All of the monitors that have been moored in the channel have been moved to the outer harbor, and ready at a few days' notice to go into active service. The Miantonomah has already had her guns taken aboard, and her crew is complete.

There is a great deal of secrecy as to what is being done with the dynamite cruiser Vesuvius. One of the monitors that she must be in readiness to leave in five days. Every particle of her machinery has been secured, and now she is ready to be sent to the front. She will be sent to the coast of Virginia, and will be ready to go into active service.

The Vesuvius is being arranged so that she will be ready to sail when orders come.

She has now arrived in the harbor of Brooklyn in the best possible shape to go into active service, and it is known that a request of this kind came from the Secretary of the Navy.

"What does all this mean?" was asked an official whose relations with the Navy Department were such as to give good effect to his opinion.

Weyler's Profit on Mules.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 5.—The tug Elsa, which was detained here by Government officials, has been released, and will be released after the regular pilot had been procured. There is no foundation for the report that the Elsa was bound for Cuba with arms and ammunition aboard.

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A. L. TAYLOR RETURNS.

He Could Not Get to the Front as a Newspaper Man.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—A. L. Taylor, recently Assistant Secretary of the National Committee of the Silver Party, has returned to the capital after a period of two days after the election to join the insurgents in Cuba, has returned.

Mr. Taylor, who had gone to Cuba as a newspaper writer, hoping to be able to get through to the rebel lines. A few days after his arrival at Havana, he was arrested by a detail of policemen, who informed him that he was under arrest. His papers and passes were confiscated, and he was allowed to communicate from the place in which he was detained. He was told that he was confined there. His treatment, he says, was fair, but the ultimate secrecy was indulged concerning his health. His papers were restored. He was told that the best thing he could do would be to leave the island.

GOVERNMENT BLAMED.

Madrid Journal Says Spain Is at a Loss.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The Journal has the following by cable from its correspondent at Madrid:

El Paris declares that the United States are "working for the ruin of the Spanish colonial power." The United States Spain would fight at a disadvantage, and it blames the Government for the entire situation.

At the same time, it is reported that Canovas will not now abandon his office, for Sagasta's accession to the Premiership will mean complete ruin to the Spanish colonies.

It is officially denied that any commercial agreement has been concluded between Spain and Japan.

Tug Else Released.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 5.—Representative Robert R. Hitt, Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, has been retained at the Union League Club with an informal luncheon. Mr. Hitt said he was in New York to help Washington, and upon his return to the Capital he would be in the office of the Commissioner of Immigration, where he would be in a position to advise him on the question of the Chinese.

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SPANISH BRUTALITY.

Treated Their Own Wounded in a Shocking Manner.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—A letter received by the Cuban Junta from Gen. Calixto Garcia deals largely with personal matters. Gen. Garcia said he had met Gen. Gomez in La Habana, and the Cuban Junta has been assured that the Government has no intention of sending him to the front. Likewise, is being arranged so that he will be ready to sail when orders come.

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Gen. Garcia also told of the cruelty of the Spanish towards their own wounded in this manner.

"Among the prisoners taken at Guanabacoa, there were many Spanish soldiers. They were sent over to El Faro, about two miles from Puerto Principe, where they were taken in charge of the Spanish authorities. The Spaniards had no litters for the wounded men, though all of them were seriously injured, and roughly carried them on carts and conveyed to the Spanish camp like so many brutes."

The Spanish say that this should be borne in mind, for the rebels spoken of by Gen. Garcia are without springs and do not accommodate more than two passengers with comfort. They have been known to make arrangements for the use of all the wounded rights."

CASE OF THE LAUBADA.

If She Enters the Port of Valencia She May Be Seized.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—Interest in the international complications are expected if the American steamship Laubada enters the port of Valencia, Spain. The vessel, which carried the Cuban Junta, had expedited to Cuba last summer, is now coming with fruit at Messina, Italy, and her owners have written to the Spanish captain to proceed to Valencia to complete the cargo.

What information is obtainable at the State Department regarding the action that the Spanish authorities might take, it is believed, is probably that both she and her captain would be held if they entered Spanish waters.

It is asserted in other quarters that the Laubada was sent to Spain some time ago to avoid the possibility of being seized by the United States Government for its connection with the Cuban filibustering.

It is even hinted that her orders to proceed to Spain are the result of a deliberate purpose to bring about a rupture between the United States and Spain.

CUBA'S BOLD FRIENDS.

They Want a United States Warship as Escort for an Expedition.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 5.—Jacksonville's Cuban delegate has received a request from Gen. Antonio Maceo for a large supply of arms and munitions and medicines, to be sent to him immediately. The Dauntless and the Three Friends will leave for Cuba at once with the supplies. No attempt has been made at secrecy, and the United States Marshal has been informed that the Three Friends will carry a cargo of munitions to the present administration.

Mr. Hane, the owner, goes to Washington at once to inform the Attorney General that he wants a United States Warship as escort for an expedition to Cuba, and will demand that the vessel be escorted there by a United States warship. He asserts that under the ruling of the United States Supreme Court in the Morna case the carrying of arms on an

unarmed vessel is no violation of the law. The Dauntless will take her cargo of arms to Cuba. The Commodore will leave to-day for Cuba with arms.

Col. Emilio Nunez of the Cuban Junta is now in Jacksonville directing the move-

ments of the expedition.

KEY WEST'S MAYOR.

He Says the Spanish Consul There Will Be Protected.

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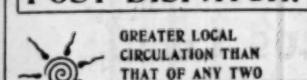
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CENTURY—Albert Chevalier.
OLYMPIC—Joseph Jefferson.

MR. GREEN'S GRAB.

Before granting Mr. Charles Green the right to build several miles of new street car track and run cars over a number of streets already containing tracks, the City Council ought to ask him what he has become of his offer, made last July, to reduce fares at certain hours of the day to 3 cents, for the benefit of the working-man. At that time Mr. Green was applying for an extension franchise, and offered the 3-cent fare on the proposed extension as an inducement. Mr. Ferriss asked him why he did not apply the lower fare to all his lines. To this question he made no answer.

Why does Mr. Green not make a similar offer now, to apply at least to the new lines he proposes to build? Does he think the agitation for a 3-cent fare is ended and that the people no longer want cheaper transportation in partial return for the valuable franchises the city government is almost giving away? If so, he is mistaken. The people have not given up this fight. They know that a 5-cent fare is too high, and that the street car companies are making large profits on watered stock and can well afford to give a reduction in fares.

If the City Council gives the People's Railways this new franchise, providing for a 5-cent fare, fifty years' duration, without any stipulated amount stated as compensation for an valuable a franchise, and without compelling the company to pay any arrears it owes to the city, the people will look upon it as a betrayal of trust.

PLUTOCRACY IN CHILI.

Last advice from Chile indicate that that country is on the verge of revolution. A British vessel just arrived at San Diego, reports war in the South American republics was in a condition threatening overthrow of the Government when the British cleared for the North Pacific.

Students of politics have been interested in Chile ever since the close of the war with Peru. The conquest of territory, indemnity, and the rich mines of Arequipa and Tarapaca made the ruling classes of Chile enormously wealthy. Plutocracy was created there which found its first manifestation in political and national affairs in the attempted usurpations of Balmaceda. The party of that usurper, though defeated, is still a power in Chilean politics.

The high caste Chilians are a brave and spirited people. They are aristocrats, not plutocrats. They will never submit to a money power in government, and revolutions in Chile will continue until the just and equitable government under which Chile made its greatest progress is restored.

A "SPOILS" ADMINISTRATION.

When a Washington correspondent of wide experience undertakes to prove that nearly all the doors to official employment under the Government are closed we can but conclude that he is generally seeking to protect patronage dispensers from the importunity of office-seekers.

We predict that Washington has never yet seen such an invasion of "spoilsmen" as will begin on the 4th of March and continue for months after that date. The times are propitious for such a movement. Hundreds of business men have involuntarily retired from business. Thousands of capable men heretofore in clerical employment, and others long employed as travelers or agents in the various lines of trade, find themselves either out of work or working on largely reduced salaries. The good pay and short hours enjoyed by Federal office-holders

will be irresistible temptations to many of these men, but few of whom have ever previously sought or desired public place.

What is to stand in their way? Certainly not the Civil Service law, as it now stands. The Cleveland Administration has decided, in the case of Eugene Gaddes, that the Civil Service law cannot hold in place an officer holding under its commission and authority. That decision leaves the door wide open to Republican "spoilsmen" on the eligible list.

As for the effort of the present Administration to extend the operation of the law to Consulates, it has not the binding force either of law or of custom.

What will Congress do? What it has always done yields to the demands and insistence of those with power claims upon Representatives and Senators. And Mr. McKinley, seeking to secure new tariff legislation to serve special interests, will be in no position to turn a deaf ear to pressure.

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tory are not so much felt as was expected six weeks ago; yet it is just as necessary to talk prosperity now as it was then.

If, as proposed, a tariff commission were to take the tariff wholly out of the control of selfish interests, what would become of McKinleyism? Would not the selfish interests again appeal to the politicians?

Burnum wants the bolter squad to be known as the "Democratic-Republican" party. It is already much better known simply as the McKinley Aid Society, and the best it can do is to fuse with the main party.

An English journal is so bold as to say that the business boom is delayed because the farmers are not prosperous. Such an idea is quite new, if not shocking, to many people in the Eastern States.

There is a solitary Arkansas paper that keeps Powell Clayton's portrait standing with an appeal for a place for him in the Cabinet, as if Mr. Hanna had never seen that big Arkansas majority.

While Gen. Weyler has been arranging with expert newspaper correspondents, the insurgents have bombarded and captured Guanabacoa right under his nose, which is entirely no news for news.

Millionaire Allerton of Chicago owns farms in six States. There are millionaires who can buy farms with the money they save by dodging their taxes or by favorable assessments.

Gen. Grosvenor says that no Ohio man will be in the Cabinet. Considering the large increase in the Ohio Democratic vote, Ohio is really entitled to no Cabinet appointment.

The hard times, rather than the Raines law, have increased the felonies in New York. We shall always have large criminal statistics while Wall Street conducts our finances.

Cockran and Burnum may just as well be out-and-out protectionists now. They are otherwise out and so much that their tariff views are not of the least importance.

Buyers of Christmas presents should not fail to look carefully through the advertising pages of tomorrow's big Post-Dispatch.

The talk of no more bonds in time of peace may tend to further shake the confidence of Pierpont Morgan in American institutions.

The brewery robbery should serve to put all custodians of money on their guard. A gun might have been very useful at the brewery.

One of the Philadelphia Republican papers is calling for a Force bill. The bolters are in very pretty company, truly.

Senator Sherman is talking in a highly Populist manner when he says no more bonds should be issued in time of peace.

Partisan journals are exhibiting too much witticism over Bryan. Why not wait for the campaign of 1900?

Not only is Missouri the home of great beauty, but it raises the largest and loudest Democratic roosters.

Seventy-five miles of ice in South Carolina is quite enough of Southern solidify for this year.

Frances Hodgson Burnett will entertain a great deal during the season at her Washington home and will make flying trips to New York City to oversee the production of her dramatization of her novel, "A Lady of Quality."

The death is reported in Paris of Mme. Vlaid, mother of Pieri Loti—Julian Vlaid—who died in her 88th year at Rochefort-sur-Mer. Mme. Vlaid in her old age was the admiration of all who knew her. She devoted herself away from Rochefort, where she was venerated and loved by everybody for her great kindness and the nobility of her character.

The author of one of the most popular poems ever written, "Curfew Must Not Ring To-Night," lives in a pretty little cottage in San Diego, Cal. Mrs. Rose Hartwick Thorpe says, as true poets are wont to say, that she does not know when she first began to write verses, and that the "Curfew" was written while she still was at school. To his support is only to invite treason to his interests and insults to his most cherished ideals and beliefs.

Mrs. McKinley's enormous vote in the East should serve to open many Western eyes.

An Up-to-Date Casabianca.

From the New York Tribune.

England has a boy who "stood on the burning deck." He is a 14-year-old Horace Comer, who, after being on the training ship Exmouth, was sent to the steamer Marlin. The vessel caught fire in the Atlantic, and the crew were preparing to abandon her when the younger arose and shouted: "What's the use of going to die like men, and Englishmen?" That renewed the crew's courage, and they took the ship safely to the Azores. Young Comer burned his foot, and was so full of spirit as to pray the doctor to cut it off, but the physician's skill saved this draft on his courage.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

From the New York Press.

The secret of success is to know what you can't say to a woman.

When the average woman gets married she quits having her face steamed.

A good girl can never understand why people say some men are so wicked.

Every woman has her hours when she rebels against the thought of making any one a good wife.

After a woman has had two babies she begins to count the doctor on her list for family Christmas presents.

Picturesque Comics.

From the Washington Post.

The current number of Judge has a picture showing all the industries of the country working overtime. As a contribution to the comic, it is a masterpiece.

The Obstinate Millions.

From the Washington Post.

The six million Bryan voters are an obstinate set. They show no disposition whatever to come into camp and permit the 130,000 Palmer and Buckner voters to reorganize them.

After He Saw Them.

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"George, that's a very bad fitting suit of yours."

"Yes, I know it."

"Custom made?"

"No, just 'em after they were made."

FAME.

Written for the Post-Dispatch.

Why should I have an even size?

Since mean and humble is my station, To fill the public's changeful eye, Or win the plaudits of a nation?

Their days are short and full of blame.

Whose days become the public fashion, And when the poor wins of fame.

He must repel in pain and passion.

Women—keep your hearts are happiness;" The poet wrote in his latest verse; "Who stays at home is truly blest; Nor fears the sting of fortune's phases.

Truth is the only lasting good.

And love is the only true enjoyment;

Fame-hunting is but folly's food,

And when a change of employment.

WILLIS LEONARD CLANAHAN.

The Republican morning organ makes the damaging admission that the stimulatives enjoyed by Federal office-holders

IN THE PUBLIC EYE.



COL. CLARK E. CARR.
This is a picture of an Illinois politician who helped renominate Lincoln in 1864. He wants to be United States Senator now to succeed either Palmer or Culom.

MEN OF MARK.

Field Marshal Lord Roberts, whom Kipling has immortalized as "Little Bob," has written an important two-volume work called "Forty-One Years in India."

Judge C. G. Foster of the United States District Court in Kansas has announced that he will endow a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, whose special mission it shall be to protect horses.

Lord Dufferin, the British Ambassador of Paris, presented his papers of recall to President Faure at the Elysee Palace, and was accorded unusual honors, being escorted to and from the embassy by a regiment of soldiers. The band played "God Save the Queen."

Dr. Temple, the new Archbishop of Canterbury, is an old man, and though his eyesight is described as "quite good enough for ordinary purposes" and he can still read and write, he cannot see clearly enough at a distance to enable him to dispense with the care of a servant or friend when he moves about.

Wallace S. Jones, Consul-General of the United States at Rome, is persona grata at the Italian court, all because of a debt compliment at an opportune moment. When he was presented to the King and Queen the latter asked him about his home in Florida. "We call Florida 'the Italy of America,'" said the ready Colonel, and the Queen's Lady.

Mark McGauley completed his thirteenth year as sexton of Crown Point Cemetery, at Kokomo, Ind. Before that Mr. McGauley was sexton of the old cemetery. During this period the veteran sexton had buried nearly 4,000 people, digging all the graves with his own hands. He knows every grave in the cemetery, marked and unmarked, including the potter's field, and can, without referring to his book, tell whose bones repose therein and the time of interment.

Wallace S. Jones, Consul-General, has completed a four years' apprenticeship to the machinist's trade.

The brewery robbery should serve to put all custodians of money on their guard.

A gun might have been very useful at the brewery.

One of the Philadelphia Republican papers is calling for a Force bill. The bolters are in very pretty company, truly.

Senator Sherman is talking in a highly Populist manner when he says no more bonds should be issued in time of peace.

Partisan journals are exhibiting too much witticism over Bryan. Why not wait for the campaign of 1900?

Not only is Missouri the home of great beauty, but it raises the largest and loudest Democratic roosters.

Seventy-five miles of ice in South Carolina is quite enough of Southern solidify for this year.

Frances Hodgson Burnett will entertain a great deal during the season at her Washington home and will make flying trips to New York City to oversee the production of her dramatization of her novel, "A Lady of Quality."

The death is reported in Paris of Mme. Vlaid, mother of Pieri Loti—Julian Vlaid—who died in her 88th year at Rochebot-sur-Mer. Mme. Vlaid in her old age was the admiration of all who knew her. She devoted herself away from Rochebot, where she was venerated and loved by everybody for her great kindness and the nobility of her character.

The author of one of the most popular poems ever written, "Curfew Must Not Ring To-Night," lives in a

EMPLOYMENT GROUPING.

In Africa...

THERE grows a cotton tree twenty feet high. This is wonderful to us of this northern clime.

And so it is with P.-D.
WANTS. Their growth is likewise remarkable.
Also their result producing qualities. Have YOU ever tried the efficacy of P.-D. Wants?

Any drug store in St. Louis is authorized to receive Advertisements and Subscriptions for the Post-Dispatch. The Post-Dispatch has three special telephones exclusively for handling this business.

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE

20 words or less. \$c.

BUTCHER—Wanted, situation by good, honest German butcher; work preferred; first-class references. Ad. F 142, this office.

BAKER—Wanted, sit. as baker or assistant baker. Add. 200 S. 14th st.

BOTY—A competent colored boy wants a situation as dining-room boy and butler; first-class city ref. Add. 306 N. 16th st.

BUTCHER—Single man, good shop butcher, with general wants; situation; country preferred. Ad. J 139, this office.

BOOKKEEPER—Will do your office work confidentially, thoroughly, cheap; service 2 to 5 hours daily; writes shorthand. Ad. 108. Open day and night. Phone 475.

STOVE REPAIRS.

Custome repair for stoves and ranges of every description. A. G. Brasser, 219 Locust st.

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE

20 words or less. \$c.

COOK—Wanted, situation as shop butcher; 8 years experience in grocery; wages \$4 per week; married men; refs. Ad. P 144, this office.

BUTCHER—Wanted, situation by good butcher to go to the country; good reference. Ad. P 160, this office.

COOK—All chef wishes position, city or country; heat of reference. Ad. 216, this office.

COOK—Wanted, situation by colored maid; domestic; all-around; both meat and pastry; understands his business; first-class references. Ad. T 142, this office.

COOK—Wanted, position by good all-around cook; city or country; references. Call on John Cook, Cherokee Hotel, 6th and Market sts.

COOK—Wanted, by middle-aged colored man, situation as cook in private or boarding-house. Call on John Cook, Cherokee Hotel, 6th and Market sts.

CLERK—Wanted, by a young man, 25 years of age, 5 years experience in general store (speak German); situation can give reference and bond. Ad. 115, this office.

COACHMAN—Wanted, situation as coachman; understands the care of horses, cows and furnace; good references; heat of reference. Ad. Thomas O'Reilly, 102 Locust st.

COACHMAN—Situation wanted by colored coachman; give good city references; understand care of horses. Ad. D 120, this office.

COACHMAN—Wanted, situation; understands the care of horses, carriages, cows and furnace; city or country ref. references. Call on John Clark, 325 Clark st.

DISTINCTION—Wanted, situation distributor of various supplies, etc.; whole sale or to work; best refs. Ad. B. W. K. Lock Box 495, Louisville.

DENTIST—Situation wanted by young man as driver for delivery; well acquainted with city; heat of references. Ad. O 146, this office.

DENTIST—Wanted, situation by dentist (graduate) city or country; refs. Ad. S 143, this office.

ELECTRICIAN—Wanted, situation by young man; electrical, gun and locksmith; can do anything; good references. Ad. 108, this office.

MAN—Office man, able and experienced; would like out of indoor work at a sure, small salary; good correspondence. Ad. S 145, this office.

MAN—Wanted, situation in evening or Sundays; work of any kind; young man. Ad. Q 150, this office.

MAN—Wanted, position of some kind by strong young German; good refs. 224 Lucas av.

MAN—Wanted, position as Spanish correspondent or translated by man familiar with Mexico and its language. Address, stating conditions and salary. S 144, this office.

MAN—A middle-aged, experienced man wants work in painting; work clear. Ad. W 144, this office.

MAN—Wanted, situation of any kind by young man, understanding bookkeeping and desires of being given good opportunities; wants employment; references. Ad. C 145, this office.

MARSHAL—Young man, 20, wants work of any kind. Ad. 105, this office.

MARSHAL—Intelligent, young, colored man, wants position as cook in country home; wants situation. Ad. C 145, this office.

PHOTOGRAPHER—Young man, stenographer, understanding bookkeeping and desires of being given good opportunities; wants employment; references. Ad. C 145, this office.

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MINT REPORT.

Official Statement of the Coinage of the Country. With Suggestions Concerning Counterfeiting.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—The report of R. E. Preston, the Director of the Mint, shows the operations of the mints and assay offices during the fiscal year 1898, together with statistics of foreign countries relative to the production, coinage and monetary condition of each.

The original gold bullion received at the mint during the year was valued at \$35,769,833. The original silver bullion represented a coinage value of \$11,672,677. The total amount of subsidiary coinage under the provisions of section 325, Revised Statutes, was 184,075 fine ounces.

The coinage executed at the mints during the fiscal year was as follows:

Gold	\$58,578,490
Silver	3,936,819
Mining coins	869,357

Total \$71,188,625

There was a total coinage under the act of April 14, 1890, of \$100,000,000, or \$76, with a seigniorage of \$15,344,000, leaving on hand at the mints a balance of \$12,061,262 fine ounces, costing \$106,625.

The total coinage in 1898 was 1,161,708 fine ounces, costing \$1,514,620.

The total amount of minor coins issued by the mint since January 1, 1892, to June 30, 1898, has been remitted, leaving \$38,466 fine ounces.

Deducting the balance held at the mints on July 1, 1878, the net seigniorage, or profit on the coinage, from that date to June 30, 1898, was \$73,165,681.

Gold and silver bars were manufactured at the mints and assay offices during the fiscal year as follows: Gold, \$53,925,925; silver, \$7,370,654.

The average London price of silver bullion during the fiscal year was \$3,848.11, and the average price at the par of exchange was \$0.67688. The highest quotation during the year was \$0.68625, and the lowest quotation, \$0.66500. The commercial ratio of gold to silver was 1 to 35.3, and the bullion value of a United States silver dollar, \$1.00, was \$0.2822.

The number of grains of pure silver, at the average price purchasable with a United States silver dollar, was equivalent to 1,479 fine ounces. The net gold exports for the fiscal year were \$78,904,612, as against \$20,117,574 for the previous year. The net silver imports were \$1,000,000, as against \$23,783.

The employment of precious metals in the industry of the United States during the calendar year 1898 was: Gold, \$12,429,065; silver, \$12,277,024.

The new material consumed in the manufacturing of these bars was: Gold, \$8,317,788; silver, \$3,838.

The metallic stock in the United States on July 1, 1898, was:

Gold	\$59,807,654
Silver	628,728,071

Total \$228,826,025

The estimated production of the precious metals in the United States during the calendar year 1898 was:

Metals	Com'l Val. \$2,254,769
Gold	500,610,000
Silver	36,445,000

27,051,000

The estimated production of gold and silver for the calendar year 1898 was as follows:

Gold	\$221,067,488
Silver	121,410,210

Total \$342,477,698

The total metallic stock and uncovered metals in the world was estimated on Jan. 1, 1898, as follows:

Metals	Com'l Val. \$6,160,000
Gold	4,684,000
Silver	1,476,000

110,072,700

The total coinage of gold and silver by the various countries of the world was as follows:

Gold	\$28,000,000
Silver	121,410,210

Total \$149,410,210

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MR. FILLEY WANTS HIM OUT OF THE MAYORALTY RACE.

REPUBLICAN FIGHT BEGINS.

Hoodlums Bewail the "Old Man's" Utterances in the Role of a Silk Stocking Apostate.

Mr. Filley says he has no slate for the spring election, but he has a sponge. He intends to wipe off industriously every aspirant for office that would run counter to the terrible balance of power of the Civic Federation.

His latest public utterance for reform has stirred his party to the depths. His slip at Zarchitz's expense is being gaged to the max. They will go to St. Joe Monday.

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STATE INSPECTORS IN TOWN.

They Are Looking at the Various Missouri Institutions.

Senator McClintic, of Marion County, chairman of the committee appointed by Gov. Stone to inspect the State institutions, arrived yesterday. Leonidus L. Moore, Geo. E. Lee, Van Buren, Mo., and F. P. G. of New Florence, Mo., the other members of the committee.

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STREETS NEED MORE MONEY.

IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION THIS YEAR CUT DOWN \$50,000.

BUT WORK HAS GONE ON.

Commissioner Milner Thinks He Has Reason to Be Proud of the Year's Achievement.

"With ten good working days we will be able to finish up at least ten street improvement contracts," said Street Commissioner Milner, who was in town Saturday morning, will include Pace avenue.

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